A VISIT TO THE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

A Comfortable and Artistic Home at Bloomington-Three Budding Daughters Eager for "Papa's" Election-An Interesting Interview.

[Special Correspondence.] BLOOMINGTON, Ills., July 4.-This town is beginning to feel big, very big, because of the great men it is furnishing to the country. It was the home and burial place of David Davis, of whom it was proud. It was proud, too, of Governor Hamilton, who was first elected lieutenant governor and succeeded Oglesby when Uncle Dick went to the senate. Then it swelled up with pride when Stevenson was made official adsman of the postoffice department un-



MRS. A. E. STEVENSON. der Cleveland. The election of Governor Joe Fifer followed, and then Bloomington appeared to wait awhile for further hon-

But Stevenson's nomination for vice president was a surprise. The news came when the citizens had no oratory on tap and not a complete stock of Fourth of July fireworks on hand. They gave him a cordial welcome, however.

However plain and approachable Stevenson may be in political life, he is thoroughly an aristocrat home. "The best liver in town," said a neighbor who knows and who has often arooked knees under the Stevenson mahogany. Socially the Stevensons are very select and have been among the society leaders. Now, of course, they are at the head of the bon ton circle in Bloomington, an element which is considerable here for a smart western city of 25,000 people. Stevenson has made himself moderately rich. He is interested in many enterprises, among them a coal mine, and his prominence in federal affairs gave him good opportunities for investments which have netted him handsome returns. His home here is a large two story brick, surrounded by tall elms and facing Franklin park.

The interior at once convinces the visitor that feminine arts control the decorations of a home which will be visited by thousands of strangers during this campaign. Both General Stevenson and his wife brought from Kentucky the old family portraits in oil, which are seen and cherished more in Kentucky than anywhere Whatever else may be sacrificed by a family, the portraits are kept, even as a sad reminder of former opulence "befo" the war." There are pictures of J. T. Stevenson, father of the candidate, who aied here a few years ago; of his mother, Eliza Stevenson, who yet lives, at the age of eighty-three, but resides with another son, a business man of Bloomington.

There is also the portrait of a kindly faced man, Professor Green, the father of Mrs. Stevenson. Professor L. W. Green was president of the Danville (Ky.) college when young Stevenson was a student. Like President Harrison, Adlai Stevenson wooed and won the daughter of the college president. Letitia Green was a pretty girl, and is today a handsome woman. She also came to Illinois when her father died and lived with a married sister in Chenoa, a short distance from Matamora, where her student admirer was a struggling lawyer. He courted her at Chenoa, and marriage followed an engagement of three years.

You will find plenty of life and youth in the Stevenson mansion, as all the children are at home and full of joy at their father's

They all loved Washington life and ardently desire to go back with a higher so-cial position. The young girls of the family are especially eager in their anticipa-tion of "papa's" election, as they are just budding in the society garden. Neither of the three girls was quite old enough to "come out" during their father's official connection with the Cleveland administration. Mary, the eldest, is now but nine teen, and has strong features, auburn (almost red) hair in abundance, with a graceful white neck and clever figure. Her nose is rather too prominent for beauty. Julia is almost eighteen, while the youngest, Letitia, named for her mother, is sweet sixteen, and celebrated her birthday just the day before her father's nomination. Not one of the three girls is as handsome



THE STEVENSON HOUSE.

as the mother, as they seem to take after the rugged Stevenson side of the family. They have all had the best of literary and musical training and take a very prominent part in the social gatherings of Bloomington. Their mother has brought them up after the good old Kentucky fashion.

The only son and eldest child is Louis G. Stevenson. He is quite young in appearance, although twenty-four, and his health has not been good. It has interfered with his taking up any business, and he has just returned from a long visit to Cali-

fornia, made for his health alone. It is rather a remarkable fact that all four of the national candidates now before the people are Presbyterians. President Harrison is one, and married the daughter of a preacher in the same denomination. Whitelaw Reid was born and baptized in the Covenanter's church, the sternest of the Presbyterian sect, and received a little lead token from an elder before he could sit in close communion at the Lord's Supper. President Cleveland is the son of a Presbyterian preacher, and while not particularly religious has always kept in mind the early teachings of his father. His grandfather and great-grandfather on the Cleveland side were also preachers. General Stevenson completes the quartet of Presbyterians, and the people of this country are bound to have a Presbyterian in the White House whichever party wins.

Bloomington, where General Stevenson and his family attend, is a very small, unpretentious brick structure, painted gray, and standing two blocks from the court house square. The interior is very plain, the decorations being of wall paper with considerable color for a church, and the stained glass windows also being rather gaudy. It is not a large audience room and has no regulatica pulpit, the pastor preferring to stand out plainly before his people and but a sten above them, while the quartet choir renders indifferent music

from behind him. The Stevenson pew is No. 56, not quite half way up the center aisle. The pastor is Rev. W. P. Kane, recently called here from In Fayette, Ind. He is a tall, finely built man, quite an exponent in fact of muscular Christianity. There was some surprise on the first Sunday after the general's nomination that no one but himself and daughter Mary were present, but Mrs. Stevenson was worn out by the excitement of the week and could see no one even at home. This I found when I called, but the general himself opened the wire screens, asked me in, tendered a cigar and was as cheery as a country lawyer welcoming a new client.

"First of all, general," I said, "let me ask you where you got that name Adlai?"

He laughed, then answered: "It is not generally known, but that is a strictly Scriptural name, although not a common one. Its meaning is "the just," and I am proud of it. For several generations it has been in our family, on my mother's side, like that of Whitelaw in the family of my competitor. I hope I will sustain the meaning of the name in my

Continuing as to the family history, he

"My great grandfather was a Scotch-Irishman, born in Ireland, and settled in Iredell county, N. C. I have today re ceived a letter from Governor Armfield, who lives in that county, and he claims me as of old North Carolina stock, also pledging me the vote of all my relations and every Democrat. My grandfather moved to Christian county, Ky., in 1813, and settled on Little river, ten miles south of Hopkinsville, where I was born. I re ceived my first schooling from James Caskey, one of the old time school teachers, who had a profound contempt for the new ideas of moral sussion. He kept no books to note our standing and progress by marks. The marks he gave were car ried by the pupils on their bodies. He was a firm believer in total depravity, especially of his papils, and there was nothing in the conduct of boys at that time to dispel the



Julia S. Letitia E. THE STEVENSON CHILDREN.

"There are several families who came here from Christian county. An uncle, John W. Ewing, was the first, and was one of the first mayors. It has been forty years since I first saw Bloomington as a boy of fifteen, and it was then a village of 1,500 people. Several of the Ewings of my mother's family, including Whig Ewing, of Chicago, and my partner, James Ewing, were among them. Whig Ewing's right name was William, but years ago, before the war, when Lincoln was a lawyer here. he stopped at the tavern kept by the elder He nicknamed the boy 'Whig, Ewing. and it has stuck to him so long that he has accepted it as his right name, proud of his

"My father died when I was twentyone. I was a student at Danville, Ky. then, and among my mates were Governor Crittenden, of Missouri; W. C. P. Breckinridge, Senator Blackburn, Governor Mo-Creary, R. P. Jacobs, Judge Dulaney and Doctor Young, all eminent Kentuckians, Dr. Young is now president of the college, and was moderator at the recent Presby terian general assembly at Portland Danville was at that time the Athens of Kentucky. I never graduated, and have never been given a degree. I came home and studied law with Mr. Williams here, but practiced at Metamora for ten years, meanwhile marrying and holding office until I moved back to Bloomington. I married, as you know, at Chenoa, a little town laid and named by Matt Scott, a brother-in-law. It is an old Indian name, originally spelled 'Chenowah,' but this practical generation cut it short.

"No, my family did not mingle much in Washington society, as my eldest daughter was then a mere schoolgirl-a child. Besides I am a plain, everyday man, and as a friend once said, I never had more than fifteen dollars ahead in my life. I guess that was too low an estimate, for perhaps I had more than that, but not much more You can see that we live plainly, but with

The frankness and easy way of General Stevenson strike the stranger very favorably, and he never hesitates for a word or a ready answer to any question. He is quick, keen, and while making no display of shrewdness certainly conveys the idea of it from the start.

Cleveland first met Stevenson as a mem ber of the committee which formally told him of his nomination in 1884. Grover took a great fancy to the Sucker politician, and had he been more eminent might have put him in the cabinet. As it was he was appointed principally at the request of

His business does not allow him much time for legal practice, and as a World's fair director he has traveled through Mexico and other countries preparing for exhibits. He is also president of the Interstate Building and Loan association, a prosperous concern, with headquarters in

His good old mother is of course very proud of her son's success and declares that he ought to be a good vice president. FRANK B. GESSNER.

Black Bucks of India.

The black buck of India is a very grace ful animal, weighing between thirty and fifty pounds. The hide of the male, when full grown is of inky blackness on the back, while the belly is as white as snow, the contrast being very striking. The horns are black and spiral in shape, and in length average about eighteen inches, although they have been known to reach twenty-six inches. The animals are usu-ally found in herds, and are difficult to approach on foot, as the bucks toss their heads in the air from time to time in a very graceful manner, and some of them are almost sure to detect any attempt at stalking .- St. Nicholas.

Long Sermons and Obscure.

In Wales religious services are too often long, obscure and relentlessly theological. I know of one Nonconformist minister in Flintshire who seldom preaches for more than twenty minutes. But he is, alas! a rare exception. When his example is fol-lowed the chapels will be better attended.

Liverpool Message.

WAKEMAN'S WANDERINGS

A TRAMP THROUGH CORNWALL-II.

Some Cornish Hobgoblins and Bugaboos Grewsome Deserted Mine Stacks-Moving a "Mine Bob"-Growder and Growder Sellers - Roadside Games and Strange Old Customs.

[Copyright, 1892, by Edgar L. Wakeman.] CROWAN, Cornwall, June 13.-Whatever Wesley and Whitfield, with the railway, the newspaper and the telegraph, may have done in altering the every day lives of the Cornish folk, no power has yet been able to banish the endeared wraiths of the mysticisms and mysteries of a legendarily heroic past. Today, as firmly as five centuries since, the inner beart of the Cornish man clings to his "droli" or tale of giant, hobgoblin and fairy with the greatest tenacity; and a few of these are interesting by way of illustration. Bellerian was formerly the name of Land's End, as also the name of a mighty giant who made it his home. Cormoran built St. Michael's mount, but was slain by the redoubtable Jack the Giant Killer. Holiburn of the Cairn defended ordinary mortals from other giants than himself. The Giant of Nancledry principally subsisted upon little children. The giant Trebiggan frightened bad children into virtuous lives, and dined off the incorrigible ones, which he usually fried upon a flat rock by his cave door. The giant Blunderbus, killed by little Tom Hicksthrift with a cart axle, was the embodiment of surly laziness and cruel greed. The giant Wrath, terror of the coast, walked out to sea a dozen miles or so, and, fastening the fishermen's boats to his girdle, strolled leisurely back to his cave to serve his prisoners up for food at will.

To all Cornish folk these monsters still live in fireside tales, and the numberless monuments to a pagan past scattered over the rocky tors and wild moors, such as the cromlechs, monoliths and other rude stone monuments, are the household goods and pastime implements of this vanished but not vanquished race. Every hill or crag has its cairn or cromlech; every gorge or glen its ghost or goblin. The knowledge of all this takes firm possession of the wanderer through Cornwall.

If these were not enough to keep alive all manner of weird superstitions, the chimneys of the deserted mines of Cornwall alone would furnish sufficient grewsome influence to of itself create and foster spooks enough for an entire people.

Away back in the vicinity of Liskeard

they began to loom darkly upon the landscape. From this place they are every-where seen, increasing in numbers as the Redruth district is approached, and de creasing in frequency toward St. Ives and Penzance. From the top of some high Cornish hill what seems to be hundreds can be seen, and on the road between Redruth and Camborn, a distance of but five miles, I counted upward of forty "knacked" or abandoned mine stacks.

They usually comprise the towerlike chimney, the old engine room and the lofty bob shaft. Indescribable sterility and dreariness encompass them. Not even furze will grow upon the "poor dirt" and "churks" or mine refuse around them. Daws chatter in their tops. The wind moans through the rotting chimneys. Weird tales, superstitions and whispers of tragedies are associated with them. often turn aside to the dreariest of these places. In one I found a half dead English tramp, with his half starved wife who had just given birth to a child. Here was real tragedy for another Cornish bugaboo. I left them a little money, sent a member of the mounted constabulary to them and went on my way, but now I see ghastly faces through the crumbling walls of every other "knacked" mine stack that looms in

Moving a "mine bob" is one of the curious performances in the Cornish mining districts I happened to witness. Turning from a hill lane into a wide highway I saw a great concourse of people following an enormous truck drawn by at least twenty teams of shaggy Welsh horses. Joining the crowd I found that Cornish folk had come from miles around to see the "mine bob movin." This "mine bob" is the great beam, the hugest piece in all huge Cornish mining machinery, which works like a steamer beam, the man engine and the mine pumps. This one weighed upward of 118 tens! A mine had been abandoned; a new one was being opened by the same company, and from the great forge works at Hayle had come this iron truck forty feet long, with steel wheels like an engine driver's, on which the tremendous casting was being conveyed. The earnest interest of miners, "Repens" (captains) and engineers who accompanied the ponderous beam; the curious excitement of hundreds of stragglers drawn together by the event, and the mischievous prayers of Cornish boys that something would "scat" or break, to increase the anxieties and tension of the occasion, here very great owing to the hilly nature of Cornish roads, furnished a most interesting opportunity for character study. The greatest personage on all the road that day was the teamster who drove those forty Welsh horses. Like the boys, I envied him, and marveled with them at his handling of his whip, his powerful lungs and his glib and urgent tongue.

The marvelous whiteness of all Cornish housewives' floors, tables, chests and chairs have been my constant admiration. I learned the secret on a recent Friday, which day of every week is "growder day" in Cornwall. You will see numberless donkey carts hurrying up and down the hilly highways or halting before village doors. They are filled with some light and pumicelike substance dug from near hillside pits, and are in charge of women, cheery and stout and half dressed as men, or of boys already full of shrill whistling and the quiet philosophy of older trades-

I stopped one of these boys with a smile, a sixpence and the question: What have you in your cart?" my lad.

"Doan't e knaaw, you? Loaad o' growder, my son." "Growder? What is it for, my lad?"

"Scroobin floars, my son." "What do you get for it?"

"Same ol drug-hap'ny a tub." And then, with an unearthly whistle and a "Goas 'long, dunk!" both directed to his shaggy little beast, away he goes with his cartload of stuff, resembling as much loose tapioca in his cart box.

In a few moments he will be found before the window or door of the miner's cottage with the growder seller's question of time immemorial. "Growder today, mawther?"

"How't a-sellin un today, my son?" is her as ancient answer.

The reply forever has been the same as to me-

"Same old drug: Hap'ny a tub!"

which is both fine sense and poetry in Cornwall. For by "drug" is meant task, jabor, drag or burden, and "hap'ny," or a half penny, a tub, which holds about a peck, has been the price of growder since "Twenty thousand Cornish men" started for London singing "And shall Trelawney die?" A handful of growder is scattered upon the soiled table and sprinkled with water. There is a "swish!" of the housewife's brush, and in an instant more the whole top is foaming with lather. Once each week every square inch of the Cornish home is so "scroobed" with growder that for the time the entire interior foams and lathers like a turbulent geyser.

One of the most fascinating pleasures of the road in Cornwall will be found in loithe road in Cornwall will be found in loi-tering alongside of groups of Cornish boys engaged in their various games. Chief of these are "toe stones" and "cobnutting." Both are played wherever the spirit of emulous battle overtakes these sturdy lit-tle embryo miners and fishermen, and

their pluck, persistency and pertinacity are unsurpassed,

In "toe stones," a diagram similar to the one chalked on deck for "ship billiards," with a rounded end like that of a bagatelle board, is drawn in the road, and the game consists in kicking with the left foot, the right foot being always held in the right hand, a round, flat stone from the approaching line from one space to another, but never over but one line, clear around the entire thirteen spaces and out again without ever once having dropped the right foot. The little fellows become wonderfully expert in this difficult feat.

"Cobnutting" is an all-the-year-round sport. Much of its zest comes from the dangers in securing the nuts necessary for the year's supply. Common hazelnuts are used. These are got at great risks from the demesne copses and forest edges. The prizes, with the "shucks" still on, are stored away in the attic and dried with the greatest care, so that the nut fiber becomes hard and horny. The hazelnuts are allowed literally to fall out of their sheaths. All the round, smooth, ripe, shiny nuts are preserved sacredly for "cobnutting." It is often a Cornish boy's entire winter employment and diversion to prepare the cobnuts for the rest of the year's battle for superiority with his fellows. The sport takes its name from the "cob" or shell of the nut.

The cobnuts are prepared by boring a hole through each side of the nut, removing the kernel and filling the hollow shell with lead or shoemaker's wax, the latter being preferred. The shoemaker of the village is consequently an almost revered personage with all Cornish boys. 'waxed end" drawn through the loaded "cob" or shell, and held by a strong knot, completes the cobnut, and you cannot find a boy in all Cornwall who has not one ready strung for contest and a pocketful ready for stringing for reserve contingen-

Ties are drawn for first "crack." The loser throws his hat upon the ground and lays his cobnut in a little hollow upon its top. Then the "cobber," or striker, holding his cob between the ends of the fingers of his left hand and the end of the attached waxed end in his right, after many feints motions and "sights," brings his cob with almost the force of a bullet upon his opponent's. One or the other is "scated," or broken. It is turn and turn about. Generally one of the lads has his entire stock of reserve cobs destroyed.

Yesterday was "Taking Sunday" in this parish, and a most interesting and ancient Cornish custom was observable in Clowance park, on the noted St. Aubyn estate. The park and gardens are open to all on "Taking Sunday." One of the glories of the park is a magnificent mall, bordered with some of the noblest beech trees in all England.

On the afternoon of the Sunday two weeks before Mazard fair, which derives its name from the Mazard cherry fair annually held at Praze in the latter part of June, when tons of this luscious fruit are disposed of by the farmers of the surrounding country, thousands of Cornish youths and maidens may always be found promenading in this Clowance park mall. They sometimes come from a distance of ten and twenty miles. Cornish young men resort here to choose their "pairdners" or "company" for Mazard fair, and here the blooming lasses come to be "taken," that is, pledged for Mazard fair day.

Many an exultant or broken heart returns home that night, successful in its secretly cherished hope or stinging from bitter disappointment. But Mazard day come, the lad walks miles for the girl he has chosen on "Taking Sunday," and to orious thing to be chosen or "taken" at Clowance park, but her whole fate hangs upon a parcel of cookies and almonds at

These constitute the "fairin" or pledge of betrothal; and it is asserted that half of the women of Cornwall have been married through this curious troth. If the maiden's "pairdner" buy her one pound of ginger cookies and a half pound of almonds, and she accept the same, the two are as sacred ly betrothed as though bans had been read from the pulpit. The lucky maiden carefully preserves the "fairin" and triumphantly divides it with her relatives and friends, in token of her new relations to, and consequence in, her own curious little world of affairs.

A few weeks ago I ran down from Lon-don to witness "Furryday" at Helston. This festival, unquestionably having its origin in the "Floralia" of the Romans, is annually celebrated throughout Cornwall by little home and neighborhood parties, and at Helston, from time immemorial, as a festivity peculiar to that place on the 8th day of May. Long before daylight happy groups of lads and lasses start in every direction for the country lanes and hedges, singing: For we were up as soon as any day, O,

And for to fetch the summer home, The summer and the May, O. And winter is a-gene, O! or a dozen other ballads of similar import

the refrain of which is,

On the 8th of May

The Flora day. We all set off a-dancing!

And indeed do they. At every farm house there are mad rushes of these merry makers to be first to hang a twig of "sloane" blossoms upon the latch, for such for centuries have been entitled to a portion of bread and cream. The blossoms of the "sloane," a kind of therry, are gathered everywhere with all precious buds and blooms of early summer. Garlanded with these the floral troopers return to Helston, when the festivities of the day really begin. The old town is fairly imbedded in spring blossoms and garlands. This completed all classes join in a universal carnival of dancing. Every door in Helston is thrown open to the merry marauders. Arm in arm, and usually four abreast, thousands, dancing to a sort of quickstep time and accompanied by May day songs, pass in the front doors of houses and thence from rear to front of other houses, and from dawn to dark weave serpentine threads of blossom, odor and song through and through the old Cornish town. EDGAR L. WAKEMAN.

A Dumb Excuse. A rich gentleman purchased a parrot of a

bird fancier in a rather low quarter of London. The man warranted the bird to be a splendid talker, but though the gentleman kept it for months it never made any sound approaching the semblance of a word. The gentleman called on the bird fancier and asked him how he accounted

"Well, sir," said that worthy, "yer see, that there bird was brought up in my humble 'ome, an I hexpect when it went to your 'ouse and saw all the bootiful surroundins it was struck dumb with surprise. I daresay it won't ever talk now, sir; but in course that ain't my fault."-London Tit-Bits.

Both Sides Admitted It. Gargoyle-The jury in the Swayback case must have been composed of very ignorant men.
Gummey—Why?
Gargoyle—The lawyers on both sides
saked the Judge to instruct them.—Detroit
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